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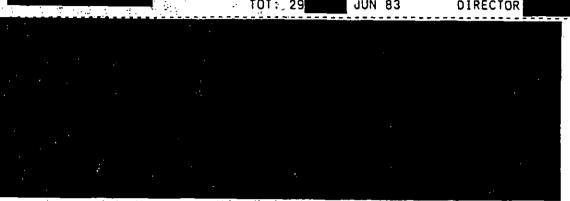
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THE NATIONAL STRIKE LAST WEEK FAILED TO DRAW WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. BUT BOTH OPPOSITION AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE PREPARING FOR NEW PROTESTS IN SUL!. THE STORE TO THE STRIKE WAS LIMITED STEAMSIVE GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP, THE ARREST OF UNION LEADERS. TACTICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG EABOR AND POLITICAL COALITIONS, AND SHORT PREPARATION TIME: PRESIDENT PRINCHET ON MONDAY REITERATED THAT FURTHER PROTESTS WOULD NOT BESTOLERATED. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES CLAIM ANOTHER STOAT OF NATIONAL PROTESTS INEVITABLE NEXT MONTH, HOWEVER IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RESPOND TO CALLS FOR DIALOGUE.

COMMENT A PINOCHET IS EIKELY TO CONTINUE TO WIX FIRM POLICIES WITH SOME CONCESSIONS IN ANCESTORT TO SPLIT OPPOSITION FORCES AND BUY TIME THE PROBABLY HOPESTHAT THE ECONOMY WILL IMPROVE AND THAT THIS WILL UNDERCUT MUCH OF THE OPPOSITION'S SUPPORT. UNLESS HE AGREES TO RESTORE SOME DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES BEFORE 1939, HOWEVER. HE AGREES TO FACE A SERIES OF STRIKES AND OTHER PROTESTS.

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